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REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5, 8-10, 12-17 and 19-34 are now in the application. Claim 1 has been amended to include recitations from prior claim 18 and to recite --said vinyl polymer comprises a monomeric unit derived from a (meth) acrylic monomer--. The term --(meth) acrylic monomer-- is supported on page 8, line 21. The above phrase is from prior claim 4 but in modified form of the phrase "the vinyl polymer is a (meth) acrylic polymer" from prior claim 4. It is presented in modified form merely for purposes of clarity.

The amendments to the claims do not introduce any new matter or raise any new issues.

The rejection of claims 1-3, 15, 16 and 17 over JP06-329720 has been overcome since amended claim 1 includes recitations from claim 18, which was not rejected over JP06-329720.

The rejection of claims 1-3, 13, 15-19, 22, 28 and 29 over US 5,242,983 to Kennedy et al. has been overcome since amended claim 1 includes recitations that are equivalent to that of claim 4, which was not rejected over Kennedy et al.

The rejections of claims 6, 8-10, 21, and 30-33 over Matyaszewski (US 5,807,937) alone or over JP'720 in combination of Matyaszewski have been overcome since amended claim 1 includes recitations from claim 18, which was not rejected over Matyaszewski or over JP'720 in combination of Matyaszewski, and also includes recitations that are equivalent to that of claim 4, which was not rejected over Matyaszewski or over JP'720 in combination of Matyaszewski.

The rejections of claims 19 and 24-32 over JP'720, Kennedy, Randen or Matyaszewski in view of Fifield have been overcome since amended claim 1 includes recitations from claim 18, which was not rejected over JP'720, Kennedy, Randen or Matyaszewski in view of Fifield, and also includes recitations that are equivalent to that of claim 4, which was not rejected over JP'720, Kennedy, Randen or Matyaszewski in view of Fifield.

The rejection of claims 1-6, 11, 13-20, 22, 23 and 34 as being anticipated by Randen et al (US 5,604,268) under 35 USC §102(b) has been overcome since Randen et al do not anticipate

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amended claim 1. Randen et al fail to disclose any polymer having a ratio of Mw/Mn of less than 1.8. Randen et al suggest preparing polymers with a chain transfer agent, which cannot give any polymer having a ratio of Mw/Mn of less than 1.8. Please see page 10, lines 15-23 of the instant specification.

In view of the above, consideration and allowance are, therefore, respectfully solicited.

In the event that the Examiner believes an interview might serve to advance the prosecution of this application in any way, the undersigned attorney is available at the telephone number noted below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment associated with this communication including any extension fees to Deposit Account No. 22-0185.

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